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Mr. Gerald D. Gravatt
Area Director
Occupational Safety and
Health Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
218 West Main Street
Belleville, Illinois 62220

RE: OSHA Complaint
70655766
ORA 373

Dear Mr. Gravatt:

Thank you for your letter of September 19, 1984, informing us of the soil contamination connected with construction activities at Number One, American Bottoms Road, Sauget, Illinois, and for your earlier call to Norman Niedergang of our Remedial Response Section II about the same matter.

The site is also known as the Sauget Wastewater Treatment Plant - Lagoons, for which a preliminary assessment was prepared in 1983. We are requesting our field investigation team, Ecology & Environment, Inc., to conduct an inspection of the site.

However, the contamination may be sufficiently serious to warrant response before a site inspection can be completed. Therefore, the matter has been referred to our Spill Response Section for consideration and possible action.

We will promptly advise you as to the determination of the Spill Response Section.

Sincerely yours,

Richard E. Bartelt, Chief
Remedial Response Branch

: James Kilty, IEPA (w/attachments)
Terry Ayers, IEPA (w/attachments) ✓
Rene Van Simeren, E&E (w/attachments)

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Occupational Safety and Health Administration



218A West Main Street
Belleville, IL 62220
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September 17, 1984

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EPA REGION 5
OFFICE OF REGIONAL
ADMINISTRATION

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
230 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60604

Re: OSHA Complaint 70655766

Dear Sirs:

Attached is a Notice of Alleged Safety or Health Hazards, OSHA Form 7, regarding a suspected waste disposal exposure that has been investigated as to employee exposure. We are forwarding this to you for a possible environmental hazard. The investigation was initiated by a complaint from an employee who was on the job at the time the earth was opened. The employer was contacted and he admitted that the report was true and to be on the safe side they had taken samples to be analyzed and closed the earth immediately without trying to salvage the pipe that had been laid.

Several weeks later a letter was received from the employer which included a report by the consultants that had conducted the analysis, Clayton Environmental Consultants, Inc. (copy attached). Due to the concentrations of chemicals revealed in the tests it was decided you should be notified. This area is presently owned by the City of Sauget, Illinois and is reported to have been owned by Monsanto Chemical Company and was allegedly used as a waste disposal area by Monsanto and Edwin Cooper Corp.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact this office at 618/277-5300.

Sincerely,

David D. Gravatt
for Gerald D. Gravatt
Area Director

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Notice of Alleged Safety or Health Hazards

U.S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration



MOD Date
6/8/84

1. Complaint Number
70655766

2. Employer Name

MURPHY Co.

3. Site Location (Street, City, State, ZIP)

Number One American Bottoms Road (New Plant)

4. Mailing Address (if different) (Street, City, State, ZIP)

1340 N. Price St., St. Louis, Mo.

5. Management Official

Al Martinelli

6. Telephone Number

314 944

7. Type of Business

Mechanical Contractors

8. Hazard Description Describe briefly the hazard(s) which you believe exist. Include the approximate number of employees exposed to or affected by each hazard.

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OFFICE OF SAFETY AND HEALTH
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I am a pipefitter and we were installing a 16" water line. We were installing a 16" ductile push-joint pipe in the ditch near the entrance to the plant. Sand seems to be normal for the area when we came across a foreign type ground fill. It had a rotten odor and it was real spongy. The next day we were told to remove the pipe except for the pipe in this area. We questioned the contractor he stated they were to research the soil for the possibility of a toxic substance. That was about 3 weeks ago. My foreman said they wouldn't give ^{him} the results or they had not taken any tests. So I proceed to seek help with OSHA. (Approx 4-6 people were on this job)

Also it has been mentioned to the contractor about having a place to wash up for lunch. ~~It has not been taken care~~ Nothing has been done yet.

9. Hazard Location Specify the particular building or worksite where the alleged violation exists

Entrance-JUST INSIDE THE GATES ON THE NORTH SIDE.

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MURPHY AND ASSOCIATES

1340 NORTH PRICE ROAD
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63132
Area Code 314 997-6600

August 13, 1984

U.S. Department of Labor
218-A West Main Street
Belleville, Illinois 62220

Attention: Mr. Gerald D. Gravatt
Area Director

Reference: American Bottoms Regional
Wastewater Treatment Facility
Complaint #70655766
Soil Analysis from Clayton
Environmental Consultants, Inc.

Gentlemen:

Attached you will find a report from Clayton Environmental Consultants, Inc. concerning samples taken from the area involved in the subject complaint. Please review the above and contact this office if we can be of any further assistance.

Very truly yours,
Murphy Company


Jim Gorry
Project Manager

cc: Safety Job File w/att
Jim Watts - St. Louis Office
Chris Fitch - WA/TC
WA/TC Corresp.

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